

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: ANSI-ASC A14 COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 21, 2018

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Thomas E. Caton, ESME

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LOCATION: ALI HEADQUARTERS, 330 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60611

CPSC ATTENDEES: Thomas E. Caton, ESME – Attended via conference call

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ANSI-ASC A14 for rooster

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting was the semi-annual ANSI-ASC A14 Ladder Sub-Committee meeting to discuss the various ladder standards. There was a discussion of other organizations that have also produce ladder standards that are not under the American ladder Institute. The discussion is how or should this other standards be identified so that ladder users would be aware of them for reference if needed.

The A14 committee reviewed the quantities of ANSI-A14 standards that have been sold and then discussed the status of each A14 standard sub-committee. The following is a summary of the sub-committee reports:

- a. A14.1 Wood Ladders – revisions were made and the draft has been re-balloted twice; the latest revision may be out early next year.
- b. A14.2 Metal Ladders – the latest revision was published December 22, 2017.
- c. A14.3 Fixed Ladders – revision going to sub-committee; plan to publish latest revision during the Fall of 2018.
- d. A14.4 Job Made – Public comments concluded; new revision may be ready by the end of 2018.b.
- e. A14.5 Reinforced Plastic Ladders – was balloted and comments were received; the comments are being addressed; some added delay because of new products coming about; current Standard 2007.
- f. A14.7 Stands and Platforms - Rolling Ladder– new test surface for the foot slip test being developed, considering depth control for stepping off unit, maximum vertical step-up, and which way to face depending on rungs of threads; asking OSHA for an interpretation about wording differences OSHA and ANSI interpretations; There were two subjects discussed: (1) what are

acceptable distances for exiting and stepping onto compared with OSHA about hand grasp, toe clearance, step across? and (2) where should the test load be applied when evaluating spring loaded casters. There was also a discussion of OSHA and ANSI interpretations of when it may be acceptable to face away when descending a stairway ladder.

- g. A14.8 Ladder Accessories; revision work is continuing.
- h. A14.9 Disappearing Attic Stairways; nothing new to add, there is a draft ready for review.
- i. A14.11 Utility Stepstool Standard; there are labeling questions; when
- j. A14.11 is published it will supersede the plastic, metal, and wood stepstool requirements from A14.1, A14.2, and A14.5.

ALI made a presentation about National Ladder Safety Month (March) about how it has been more successful than the previous year but what improvements can be made for promoting succeeding National Ladder Safety Month campaigns.

Next ANSI-ASC A14 Committee meeting planned for September 12 or 19, 2018 (to be decided later) in Chicago.

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